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In these days when ALL groceries are high in price—the poor as well as the good—the real choice is in quality. Good groceries cost very little more than inferior ones, but they go a long ways further.

Quality is Our Trade Mark

It is stamped on every package, or bag, or pail, or basket of goods that leaves our store. You will conserve both your health and your pleasure by buying groceries from us. We give you the SATISFACTORY kind of eats.

H. Petersen, GROCER



ORDER NOW

If you want to be sure of getting a car

People who want Ford Cars for spring delivery had better get their orders in as quickly as possible.

The demand for Fords is large and it is anticipated that it is going to be hard to get deliveries later.

I have already orders for 46 cars, 26 of which have been delivered the others are to be delivered about April 1st.

Do not delay, if you want a car, but get your order in at once and protect yourself against disappointment.

GEO. BURKE, Frederic

THIRD ANNUAL K. OF P. PARTY

ONE OF PRETTIEST EVER HELD IN GRAYLING.

About 175 Couples Present. Uniform Rank Drill a Feature.

The third annual party of Grayling Lodge Knights of Pythias was held at the school auditorium last evening and proved to be one of the finest and most enjoyable ever given in the city.

There were about 175 couples present and many extra ladies. About 500 invitations had been issued and acceptances came from many outside of Grayling as well as at home.

Guests began arriving at about 8:00 o'clock. At about 8:30 there was an inspection of and exhibition drill by Grayling Company Uniform rank.

General Kyes and Col. Tooker of Lansing, grand officers, who were present last year, were here again at this party. After official inspection of the company by the latter gentlemen, a very pretty drill was presented, many of the movements winning hearty applause. This was under direction of Capt. W. M. Case and Lieutenants Marius Hanson and Einar Rasmussen.

This was followed by dancing, Russo's orchestra of Saginaw, opening the party by playing a one-step.

A pleasant feature occurred just before the drill that is not generally known by those present, when Gen. Kyes, on behalf of the members of Grayling company, presented Capt. Case with a fine, solid gold Pythian signet ring. Of course this was a surprise to the Captain and he cordially thanked the members and said he hoped it wouldn't make him forget himself during the drill.

The ball-room decorations were simple but pretty. Suspended from the center of the room were seventeen lines of green, rope festoons, upon which were suspended at intervals hundreds of red imitation carnations. The balcony was trimmed with the same material, running in graceful drapes along the front edges. About a dozen Pythian emblems finished the balcony decorations. The orchestra was stationed upon a platform enclosed with lattice work, with pretty posts for corners; the platform was mounted by three steps. All of these were of white enamel. The lattice was entwined with smilax. In one corner of the room was a booth where delicious punch was served throughout the evening.

Refreshments were served beginning at about 11:00 o'clock. There were delicious little bun sandwiches, cake, brick cream with the letters K P frozen in pink in the center, and coffee.

The party lasted until about 3:30 a. m. and at the finish it seemed as though the crowd was nearly as large as it was earlier in the evening. There were guests present from Gaylord, Cheboygan, Frederic, Roscommon, West Branch, Saginaw, Bay City, Detroit, Flint and many other places.

This was the third annual ball of this lodge and their parties have increased in favor and popularity each time. The members try to do everything possible to make the event enjoyable to all who attend by providing good music, pretty surroundings and last, but not least, pleasant and agreeable guests.

The committees who planned and did the work of putting on the party deserve much credit for their efforts. J. Fred Alexander was chairman of the executive committee and is deserving of our highest appreciation for the success of the party. Many of the wives of the members assisted in the work of preparing the supper.

Among the out-of-town guests other than those mentioned elsewhere, who were in attendance at the K. of P. ball were the Misses Ada Ryan and Margaret Martin of Sebawing; Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McGilivray, Misses McClellan, Ruth Anderson, Cecil LaRue, Lovica Simms, Marie Heffy and Mr. F. O. Rockwell all of Bay City; the

Misses Jackson and Miss Laura Neilson of Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hanson, R. E. Bihlner and Wilford Cohen all of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chalker and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chalker of Waters; Messrs Gronin and Buckingham of Ludington; Messrs Reichert, George Smith, Joseph Lally and Isadore Blumenthal of West Branch; Miss Maude Vansyde of Mt. Pleasant; Miss Vera Cameron of Frederic; Miss Rose Dufour of Detroit; George Paschall of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Guggisberg, Mr. and Mrs. Shipp, Mr. and Mrs. Small, Supt. and Mrs. Keyworth, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Ford, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Knapp, Miss Hazel Duffee and Mr. Dewey Duffee all of Gaylord; Miss Irene Scraftord of Gladwin.

RAPID SHOE REPAIR SHOP.

E. J. Olson Opens for Business with Fine Equipment.

For several weeks past machinery has been arriving for the new shoe repair shop that was opened by E. J. Olson last week for business. The various parts seemed to come in installments, but now, Mr. Olson says, the plant is complete and doing business.

This is located next door to the Central Drug store, Mr. A. A. Cummins of the Soo, arrived Monday to take charge of the mechanical work. During his ten years' experience, Mr. Cummins says, he never saw a more complete and up-to-date equipped shoe and harness repair shop in Michigan.

There is an automatic nailer which fastens on a tap or heel almost quicker than one can tell about it, and every nail is perfectly clinched. There are automatic finishers, buffers, polishers, a shoe and harness stitchee, a Singer patching machine and a number of other machines.

Mr. Olson says, that they are using the very best grades of leather and other materials in their work and are prepared to furnish wear-and-water-proof soles. They carry a line of all kinds of rubber heels and also the well known Neolin soles and heels combined. These latter are much like rubber but have not the discomfort of rubber.

Another feature that they are specializing in, is putting new rubber bottoms onto leather tops. This will be appreciated by woodsmen and other out-door workers. Quick service and first class work is what this firm is boasting of and they claim that with their present equipment one man can do the work of ten men by hand. We call our readers' attention to their advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the Avalanche.

Mrs. Levi Abbott Died.

After several weeks of hopeless struggle, Mrs. Mattie Abbott passed quietly away at Mercy hospital last Sunday morning. Tuberculosis of the lungs, from which she had been ailing for the past three years ended her life on earth. About three months ago, she became very ill at her home, and so that she might receive proper care, on December 27, was removed to Mercy hospital, where from the deadly disease, she failed very rapidly, and Sunday morning death ended her intense sufferings. During her illness she was very patient and tried to look on the bright side of everything and Saturday at midnight when she knew the end was near called her husband and children to her bedside, that she might bid them farewell.

Mrs. Abbott was a Christian woman, and a very kind mother and a kind and obliging neighbor, and was liked by all who knew her. She was the mother of nine children, eight of whom are living, to mourn her untimely death, as she was only 38 years of age. Four of the children are very young and just at this time need a mother's care and much pity is felt for them. Her husband Levi Abbott survives, and the eight children, are Duford, Erwin, Lula, Edith, Cecil, Joy, Earl and Alta.

The remains were taken from the Sorenson Brothers' undertaking parlors to Rose City for burial, Tuesday morning, the former home of the family.

Card of Thanks.

It is with heartfelt thanks, that we wish to extend our appreciation to those, who lent their kind assistance to us during the illness and death of our fond mother.

The Abbott children.

Notice of Election.

To the qualified electors of the County of Crawford:

NOTICE is hereby given that a general primary election will be held in the several voting precincts of this County on Wednesday, the seventh of March, 1917 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of Circuit Judge of the 34th Judicial circuit, for all political parties, as prescribed by act No. 281 of the Public Acts of 1909.

In witness whereof I have hereto affixed my signature at Grayling, this 25th day of January, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred seventeen. 21-5 W. H. Cody, Sheriff of Crawford County.

School Notes

High school play Friday, Feb. 23.

Russell Lewis, a member of the senior class, is absent this week because of illness.

The date for the Byron W. King lecture, that was postponed, has been set for Monday, March 12.

The entire A class of the second grade passed into the third B.

Oiga Nielson of the fifth grade was perfect in spelling for the whole semester.

Elva Stoner has re-entered the sixth grade after an absence of several months.

The second grade pupils are patiently waiting for appropriate weather for a sleigh ride.

The thought for the month in the first grade is patriotism. This week they have the flag, songs, poems and stories of Lincoln.

Our basketball teams are to play at West Branch tomorrow night. The Frederic teams are to play here next week. We hope to be able to arrange a later date with Cadillac.

"Peaceful waters are attractive to sailors. A peaceful and industrious school is a community's best investment."

Zero weather, the blizzard and belated trains all contributed toward the small attendance at the lecture given by Prof. Davis last Saturday evening. His subject, "Adolescence," was very ably presented. The audience was well pleased and felt well repaid for their attendance.

A Business Prayer.

In Springfield, Mass., can be found on one of the business houses the following prayer, on the side of the building. The house has no other sign or name but just those words:

A BUSINESS PRAYER.

Help me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and untroubled by the faces of those to whom I have brot pain.

Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the square and in earning it I may not stick my gapp where it does not belong.

Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and the rustle of unholy skirts; blind me to the faults of the other fellow but reveal to me my own.

Guide me so that each night when I look across the dining table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal.

Keep me young enough to laugh with my children, and when comes the smell of flowers, the tread of soft steps, the crunching of wheels in front, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple: "Here lies a Man."

About Constipation.

Certain articles of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits, especially apples and bananas, also graham bread and whole wheat bread, promote a movement of the bowels. When the bowels are badly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

Just Arriving

We are just receiving our new lines of

GINGHAMS

PERCALES and

WASH GOODS

Many of these have already been placed on sale, and we cordially invite you to call and inspect the handsome new patterns.

EMIL KRAUS

Grayling's Leading Dry Goods and Clothing Store



Our Model Bread

Using as we do only the best ingredients put together by expert workmen and baked in perfect ovens, why should we not turn out an absolutely splendid loaf?

We take no chances; each day's flour is carefully inspected, the ovens, mixing machinery, rooms, etc., have to undergo a thorough examination. That's the sort of protection the public appreciates.

Model Bakery and Grocery

THE HOME OF PURITY AND QUALITY

Our Advertising Columns Are the Merchant's Show Windows

Call Their Bluff!

The first time you hear anyone say "Michigan flour is all right for pastry but it won't bake good bread" just tell them to guess again. Anyone making so silly a statement is either bluffing or betraying a lot of ignorance.

Call their bluff, quick! We have been making flour for more than thirty years and during that time have tested practically every variety of wheat grown in the United States.

It is our business to know what wheat makes good flour and what wheat doesn't, and we do know.

Furthermore, we use only the very best as our success depends upon the quality of the flour we make and the satisfaction it gives you and others.

Lily White

"The Flour the Best Cooks Use"

is made principally from Michigan wheat because Michigan wheat is the best flavored wheat grown in America.

Thousands upon thousands of the best cooks in the land are daily baking the most delicious bread, as well as pastries, from Lily White Flour.

Every one of our dealers is instructed to sell Lily White Flour on the guarantee you will like it better for both bread and pastry baking or your money to be returned in full.

There is an enviable reputation of thirty years' standing and an investment of more than one million dollars behind this guarantee.

Anyhow the use of Lily White Flour will convince you of its superiority.

VALLEY CITY MILLING CO.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.



War Brides

A story of greater tragedy than those of the trenches, featuring the great

RUSSIAN TRAGEDienne, NAZIMOVA

This is one of the Greatest Photo Dramas that has ever been booked in Grayling and is a guaranteed production. Do not miss seeing it.

GRAYLING OPERA HOUSE

Thursday and Friday, Feb. 15th and 16th

Admission 15, 25 and 35 cents

Reserved seats on sale at Central Drug Store



GRAYLING'S
QUALITY
STORE

TO CELEBRATE OUR

Date of Sale
Feb. 10th to 20th
Inclusive

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

This store is now celebrating its fifteenth anniversary of successful merchandising. Yet it is more youthful and more "up and doing" than ever. Each year we are doing a larger volume of business, for which achievement we are very proud. Better values, better service and the same high quality that has characterized this store for honest business methods.

**This Stirring Anniversary Sale Commences Saturday February 10th
and Continues for TEN DAYS**

These Prices Will Make You Take Notice

Best Grade of Sheetings

9-4 sheeting, bleached or half bleached,	35c
45-inch tubing	19c
42-inch tubing	17c
Lonsdale cotton	12½c
Lonsdale cambric, Nansook finish,	18c
Berkeley 60 cambric	14c
Lonsdale cambric	18c
15c bleached cotton	11c
Unbleached cotton, Black Rock, best grade,	12c
14c unbleached cotton	10½c

We have a big supply of the above cottons and urge you to lay in a supply as these prices are in some instances lower than the market price.

Heavy Outings in White and Colored

12½c values for	9½c
15c white outings	11c
10c white outings	8c

New Spring Gingham

Amoskey quality, actually worth 15c, our regular price 12½c, on sale at	10½c
Apron gingham, Amoskey quality, on sale at	10c
Percales, best quality, 36-inches wide,	12½c
10c flannelette	7½c
15c flannelette	12c
25c scrims and Voiles	19c
35c curtain scrims	26c

All the new colors in Taffeta, Messalines, Crepe de Chene and Georgette Crepe are here.

A remarkable sale of all ladies' and children's coats Final clearance price 1-3 off

ONE-HALF OFF on Ladies' Trimmed Hats—ONE-HALF OFF

Ladies Serge Dresses, values up to \$15.00, to close out at, each **\$5.00**

Bath Towels and Hose

10 dozen large bath towels, a good value for	50c
Ladies' black or tan silk hose, all sizes,	25c
All fleeced or wool hose, 35c values for	29c
25c values for	21c

EXTRA! EXTRA!

20 Ladies' Suits, good styles, values \$18 to \$25, now on sale at **\$13.50**

Flannel Gowns

Men's, Ladies' and Children's Flannel Gowns Reduced	
50c gowns	42c
75c gowns	59c
\$1.00 gowns	79c

Men's Heavy Work Pants

\$3.00 grade for \$2.35	\$2.50 grade for \$1.95
75c yarn gloves for men, black or gray, at 59c	

We want every reader of this page to carefully note these prices. They are worthy of your consideration and we do not actually think you can duplicate them in the city at any time this year.

Terms of Sale are CASH ONLY

Union Suits

We have a large selection of ladies' and childrens' union suits	
75c values for 59c	\$1.25 values for 98c
\$1.00 values for 79c	1.50 values for 1.20

ONE-FOURTH OFF on ladies' and childrens' felt slippers and shoes

ONE-THIRD OFF on all ladies' skirts

ONE-FOURTH OFF on all men's suits and overcoats (Styleplus \$17.00 excepted)

20 PER CENT OFF on all men's and boys' mackinaws and work coats

Knit Toques, Bootees, Bonnets and Infants' Sweaters all specially priced at one-fourth off

Anniversary Sale of Blankets

75 pair to close at following prices. Get what you need for next winter.

\$1.75 blankets for	\$1.29
1.50 blankets for	1.15
1.25 blankets for	.98
.85 blankets for	.75

Heavy Gray Flannel Shirts

We just received 10 dozen men's heavy gray heavy flannel shirts, regular 2.00 values, on sale for	\$1.49
1.25 gray flannel shirts for	.95

Men's Leather Mittens

Either lined or unlined, 75c quality for	62c
Men's heavy cotton sweaters, shawl collar	59c

Men's Wool Sox

We have 20 dozen men's gray wool mixed sox, it's a regular 25c value for	19c
Men's 50c heavy wool sox for	39c
Men's 25c wool sox	21c

ONE-FOURTH OFF on any Boys' or girls' Sweaters

Men's Underwear

Men's heavy fleeced or ribbed underwear on sale at	42c
We advise you to get your next winter needs at this price.	

Reductions in Men's Union Suits

\$1.25 suits for \$.98	\$2.50 suits for \$1.95
1.50 suits for 1.15	3.00 suits for 2.39
\$4.00 suits for	\$3.25

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GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

Crawford Avalanche

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Three Months......40

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, FEB. 8

Glad We Were Mistaken.

Newspapers in their anxiety to get important news oftentimes over-rate the importance of some of the subjects that come up. This is not done to mislead the readers nor to cause unusual sensation. Such news as reached Grayling last week Thursday afternoon, when it was announced that the United States had declared war on Germany was of the kind that starts every loyal heart throbbing and it is natural that such news would spread rapidly. Every man would want to be the first to tell his neighbor and would also at once telephone his household. And it is natural that any live newspaper would desire to publish the report just as quickly as possible.

Time has revealed the fact that our report of the above matter was stronger than the facts would warrant. In this we wish to apologize to our readers, however in justice to ourselves we wish to state our announcement was founded upon reports handed out among our down-town business men; and to further satisfy ourselves as to the authenticity of the news we consulted the operator who heard the message, and we were assured that there was no mistake about it.

However as it is we are glad that it was a mistake and not real war, for that is one thing that should be avoided to the utmost.

Mrs. A. W. Harrington.

The very sudden and sad death of Mrs. Alfred W. Harrington of this city occurred last Wednesday, Jan. 31. Mrs. Harrington had been ailing for some time, and a couple of months ago entered Mercy hospital for medical treatment. She began improving very much each day, and while at the hospital began to feel quite well. But as she was a great lover of her home, she longed to return there to care for her children. Soon after her dismissal, she began to fail, and on Wednesday death came to her relief.

Mrs. Harrington was 43 years of age and had been a resident of Grayling for the past 14 years, and was very well known. She was an active member of the Lady Macabees and Lady Foresters, in which circles she will be greatly missed.

Rev. Aaron Mitchell conducted the funeral services which were held Sunday afternoon from the home on Park street, and the remains were laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery. It was largely attended by friends of the family.

The deceased leaves to mourn her sad death, besides her husband and two children, Leslie, age 12, and Ruth, age 10, one brother and four sisters, all of who were in attendance at the funeral. They are W. A. MacDonald of Pinconning, Mrs. Felix Richard, also of Pinconning, Mrs. Archie Stewart of Alpena, Mrs. Joseph Gallagher of Roscommon, and Mrs. Robert Baker of Marine City. Also Mrs. J. Hoyt and Miss Nellie Hoyt of Gaylord, and the Messrs. Joseph Gallagher of Roscommon and Robert Baker of Marine City, came for the funeral Sunday.

All relatives of the deceased have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Notice.

We are making a special \$1.75 offer of a year's subscription to The Avalanche and to four standard magazines. This offer is open to all new or old subscribers. By subscribing to The Avalanche now you get \$1.35 worth of magazines for only 25c extra. The magazines are all high class and will make a valuable addition to the library of any home. We want to call your attention also to the free dress pattern that is given to each subscriber.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

Local News

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

Next Wednesday, February 14th is St. Valentine Day.

Thomas Cassidy is improving steadily at Mercy hospital.

Valentines now on display. Give us a call.

Mrs. Albert Kraus and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kraus left this afternoon for a few days' visit in Detroit.

Andrew Brown of Frederic, had his arm badly bruised while at work at the Big mill here, last Tuesday.

Stanley Insley came home from Notre Dame college for the K. of P. ball and is spending a few days with his parents.

Miss Helen Kirk of Ypsilanti has been a guest of Miss Lucile Hanson the past few days, coming to attend the K. of P. ball.

Mayor Hans Petersen is attending the Auto show in Bay City this week. As is also J. C. Foreman, John Benson and Sheriff Cody.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kraus entertained Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hendrie of Bay City, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Witter of Saginaw over the K. of P. ball.

Next Sunday evening, at the Opera house "A Tortured Heart" will be presented. This production features Virginia Pearson and tells the story of the evils of village gossip. Don't fail to see it.

The Ladies' Altar society of St. Mary's church will meet at the parsonage next week, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 15. Mrs. John Cuthbertson and Mrs. Alex Lagrow will entertain. All the ladies of the parish are kindly invited to attend.

There will be a dancing party at Temple theatre Tuesday evening, Feb. 20. You are cordially invited to attend. Clark's four-piece orchestra will furnish the music. This will be the last party before the leaven season. Admission 75 cents per couple.

G. A. Wilbur and family have moved to Lansing where the former will associate himself with Spencer. Melstrup in the lumber business. Mr. Wilbur was head foreman for R. Hanson & Sons and is competent and reliable and will be a valuable partner in the lumber firm. He and his family left here Feb. 1. Fred Martin will take the position left vacant at T-town by Mr. Wilbur.

Hans Peterson, the clerk at Sorenson Brothers, was dismissed Tuesday from Mercy hospital, after being there a week with a slight attack of pneumonia. He expects to resume his work next Monday.

McGuire DuPree has been around town paying up all his accounts for he says that when his family leaves he don't want to owe a single dollar in Grayling. Wouldn't it be fine if everybody would do likewise. Mr. DuPree has purchased a cement block business in Bay City and will move there Monday. They have lived in Grayling 26 years and will always cherish with fond memory their residence here.

The ladies, who have been enjoying Wednesday afternoons at the Moose club, yesterday afternoon formed an organization, and the following officers were chosen: Pres.—Mrs. Hans Peterson; vice Pres.—Mrs. Wm. T. Hammond; secretary, Mrs. Charles Schreck; treasurer, Mrs. Efner Matson. A name also was chosen for the organization, and it will be known henceforth as the "Ladies' Mooseheart club," and they will meet on Wednesday afternoon of each week.

A. L. Foster, who has been in charge of the operating department of the Grayling du Pont plant since its beginning about two years ago, has resigned as superintendent and will leave about Mar. 1. C. M. Morfit of Wilmington, Del., arrived Tuesday to succeed Mr. Foster. Mr. Morfit has been with the construction engineering department and was here last spring to look after the construction work during the illness of Mr. Brendlinger. He made many friends in Grayling while here; thus will not be an entire stranger among us.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA.

W. H. Smith and Wife Spending Winter in West.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 20, 1917. Dear Comrade:
Here we are in "Sunny California" and haven't seen the sun but once in two weeks. I got here January 2nd and Mrs. Smith got here from "Morning Hill," up near San Francisco, where she had been visiting her three sisters, a few days later. We spent our "Honey Moon" at the hotel where I was stopping down in the city, but later we secured apartments fitted up for light house keeping at 1286 West Jefferson Ave. Double track right down to Broadway, the center of business, so we are quite comfortably fixed. We have to depend on an oil stove for heat and a gas range for cooking. We had pancakes and bacon, hams and fried cakes with coffee for breakfast.

The city is surrounded with chicken farms, both large and small. I visited one where they have 3000 white Leghorns, and yet eggs retail up around 50 cents a dozen, storage 45 cents.

Mrs. Smith feels some better than when she came over, but can't stand much sight-seeing—tires very easily and so do I for that matter. I am not feeling near as well as when I left Michigan. At New Orleans the weather was warm like late spring in Michigan; frogs peeping in the water holes of which there are many on the side streets. I changed for light underwear, but before I got to Houston, Texas, it was quite cool again. I caught a cold and haven't got over it yet. I think we have both got the "California Grip" and it's no improvement on the Michigan variety. We cough and cough, and then cough some more.

Los Angeles is certainly some city with its many suburbs on all sides. They claim to have one million population. It's a much finer city than I had expected to find; Electric cars on all the principal streets, good service in all directions by two competing lines, while the "Pacific Electric," corresponding to our Interurban lines in Michigan, furnish the best and quickest transportation to all the outlying districts and small cities located in all directions, for which Los Angeles is now the center, and I think always will be.

The United States government has built a harbor at San Pedro, on the coast, about 16 miles I think, claimed to be one of the best and safest harbors on this coast, with government owned docks, while in most harbors, San Francisco for instance, the docks are owned by corporations, usually the railroads, making it more expensive for ship owners and others using them and further this harbor requires no "tug service," no bar requiring the service of a pilot, a big saving to vessel owners.

It has been snowing up in the mountains and raining in the valleys in southern California since New Year. It has rained some days hard, but most of the time a fine drizzle, with occasional sunshine. Its just the kind of weather the farmers and orchardists like, as it keeps off the frost and insures an abundant crop, with little irrigation the coming season. I find that one needs as warm clothing here in the winter as he does in Michigan. The cold air is so damp and penetrating.

I meet lots of comrades here. One that I met in a restaurant yesterday was with us in the 5th corps, Army of the Potomac, the Pennsylvania Reserves. He gave me his card and urged me to be sure and call on him at home.

Between New Orleans and Houston I passed "Hanson City" owned by Rasmus Hanson of Grayling. As the train only stopped a few minutes I had no opportunity to see the mills and piles of lumber. I saw rows of neatly painted cottages, an air of thrift and comfort was evident on all sides.

On the way over I travelled very little nights. I spent my first Sunday on the road at Chattanooga, Tenn. I visited the battle grounds on Look Out mountain and Missionary Ridge and was there two nights. The weather was fine, like early fall in Michigan. Then I spent one day and two nights at New Orleans; one day and night at Houston, Texas; one day and night at San Antonio, visited the "Alamo," a very interesting ruin, where Colonel Bowie and his brave men were massacred by the Mexicans, under General Santa Anna.

But at El Paso I spent my second Sunday, on the road, with the Michigan troops, and how I did enjoy it. One company in the 33rd regiment is from Cheboygan; also Colonel Boucher. I had met many of them at Grayling and they gave me a soldier's welcome. The 31st regiment left El Paso for home, Fort Wayne, I think the day I was there. The remaining Michigan regiments turned out to say Good-bye and a safe journey home. You should have heard the cheering and "Michigan, My Michigan" played by the bands and sung by all three regiments. It took me back to the days when you and I wore Uncle Sam's uniform.

From El Paso it takes one whole day and a night to reach here.

At some later date perhaps I will be able to tell you more about this wonderful country. As yet I am not fully convinced that it is really a better country to life in than Michigan. I am still of the opinion that Michigan is good enough for me and to part for all time with my old friends and comrades in "North-East Michigan" would sadden my few remaining years on earth.

Fraternalty yours,

Wm. H. Smith.

ANOTHER GRAYLING CASE.

It Proves That There's a Way Out for Many Suffering Grayling Folks.

Just another report of a case in Grayling. Another typical case. Kidney ailments relieved in Grayling with Doan's Kidney Pills.

J. D. Thompson, M. & N.E.R.R., station agent, Lake St., Grayling, says. "Whenever colds have settled on my kidneys, my back has been weak and lame and I have had a steady ache thru the small of it. A few boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, which I get at Olson's Drug store, have never failed to cure an attack of this complaint in short order. I can also recommend Doan's Kidney Pills highly for children with weak kidneys."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Thompson recommends. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who gave their assistance and sympathy in the loss of our wife and mother.

A. W. HARRINGTON, and children.

Your Last Chance.

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First mortgage loans on real estate	10,236,182.14
Real Estate (Home Office building)	100,000.00
Loans to policy holders secured by reserves	1,898,998.35
Bonds, cash value	25,000.00
Loans on collateral	1,800.00
Interest due and accrued	176,212.50
Net outstanding and deferred premiums secured by reserves	146,266.14
Due from other companies	2,805.83

\$12,859,010.93

LIABILITIES

Reserve fund, including disability benefits (computed by the Michigan Insurance Dept.)	\$11,504,937.21
Premiums, interest and rents paid in advance	32,832.64
Installment policy claims not yet due	29,364.04
All other policy claims	70,791.11
Reserved for taxes and other items payable in 1917	38,828.86
Surplus fund	1,182,257.07

\$12,859,010.93

Insurance written in Michigan during 1916	3,977,600.00
Total amount of insurance in force December 31, 1916	58,289,878.37
During the year 1916 the Company	
Paid death claims amounting to	586,489.14
Paid to living policy holders	676,556.05

Total amount paid to policy holders in one year	1,263,045.19
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CHAPTER XXII—Continued.

"Be so kind as to explain. I understand that you were ordered to Alaska."

"Were you not told of my return as far as the butte?"

"Then your orders to leave were countermanded," Marie evaded the question.

"His eyes darkened, and his face contracted as if from a twinge of pain. But he replied with quiet steadiness: 'That is of no consequence. May I ask if you consider my word good?'"

"Yes," the answer was given without an instant's hesitation.

He smiled gravely. "You cannot think I came back to win the mine for myself. You have my word that I will assign it to you as soon as I have the legal right."

"To me? But why?" The dilating eyes of the girl showed her utter surprise and astonishment. "Why? There, that last night at the agency, you showed that you despised me."

"Never that," he disclaimed. "I was bitter—harsh. But the suddenness of the discovery that you and he—Let us not talk of that. It is past. I would not have come back to trouble you, only—"

Again he stopped. "I had to come back and do this thing. It was necessary that you should become owner of the mine—sole owner. It is to be yours, not his. Promise me that you will never give him any share in it. That is all I ask."

"I will not promise unless you tell me your reason for asking it, and unless you tell me your reason for doing what you have done."

Hardy whitened. "Very well, then. It is simply this: If you own the mine, he will wish to marry you."

"If I—But he already wishes to—"

The girl hesitated, and fell silent, her black eyebrows bent in thought.

"I do not seek to persuade you to the contrary," said Hardy. "All I ask is

that you give me your promise to allow him no share in the mine."

Marie looked down. After a silence she answered in a low tone: "I promise."

"That is all," he said. "I must now be going."

"Wait," she urged. "You have not told me why—why you have done this."

"Is it necessary?" he replied. "Please do not fancy it is because I am at all selfish. You have promised yourself to him. Knowing that I no longer had even a fighting chance, I have merely sought to make sure that he—that you should have at least a fair opportunity to be happy. That is all."

He lingered a moment for a last look at her beautiful face, upon which had fallen the inscrutable stolidity of the Indian in her nature. No other expression could have so completely confirmed him in his belief that he had lost his fighting chance to win her.

He faced about to return up the mountain the way he had come.

Marie stood as he left her, silent and immobile, following his brisk ascent up the path to the mine shaft with a wide-eyed gaze that perceived the objective image, yet at the same time seemed to be looking inward.

A purpling that shaded the blue-blackness of her eyes to violet-black alone betrayed the intensity of her emotion.

The receding figure had passed along the spur to the foot of the steep ascent up the mountain before the girl became aware that Vandervyn was close beside her. He started to pass behind, to where Hardy had dropped the rifle and revolver. In a flash of swift movement she sprang ahead of him and set her foot upon the rifle barrel.

"You shall not."

Her voice was low and seemingly tranquil, her face as stolid as before, but the look in her eyes made him hesitate. He glanced about at Dupont. The trader had turned his back on Hardy, and was staring fixedly into the valley at a party of Indians that had come down the far side and were pitching their camp in the meadow. It was evident that he did not propose to be a witness to anything Vandervyn might do.

"Mon pere," quietly called Marie.

He shot a startled glance at her, hesitated, and came over to them. Vandervyn's eyes were upturned to the figure on the mountainside in a look of hate that was not pleasant to see. Dupont followed the menacing stare, and then glanced away as if caught in the guilty act. Past as Hardy was calling the ascent, he was still within earshot, and would continue to be for several minutes.

Vandervyn moistened his dry lips,

and muttered hoarsely: "Take her into the cabin. She won't let me do it."

Dupont coughed, and spoke in a husky voice. "Come into the cabin, Marie."

"No," she replied.

"But listen, girl," he urged. "No one would ever know, and we won't be looking. We can lay it on the same old Indian what has tried to get him twice already. There's a lot of 'em just come into the valley—Don't look at me that way. The dirty sneak has taken our mine away from us—he done it by a trick, cutting 'cross afore. Mr. Van can't afford to marry you if me and him don't get the mine."

"What if I should get it?" asked the girl, with no shade of change in her inscrutable calm.

Vandervyn whirled upon her, his face convulsed with jealous fury. "So that's it! You've sold yourself to him! You—"

He stopped, silenced by her look.

"After a pause she quietly remarked: 'He gives me the mine. He is going away. I do not know where. Instead of you, I am to be the owner of the mine. Do you wish to marry me?'"

CHAPTER XXIII.

A Wedding Postponed.

Vandervyn's face darkened with suspicion.

"If you're not playing me, then he has lied to you, in order to get away from us."

Marie's lips curved in a half-smile. "He gave me his word of honor. Do you doubt it?"

The young man's jaw dropped slack. He could not even pretend to doubt her statement or Hardy's word. He looked down, his brows knotted and eyes contracted with intense thought.

Dupont took the news in a far different manner.

"By Gar!" he exclaimed. "He's going to give you the mine? You're dead sure of it? By Gar! I call that mighty square of Cap. It's white! And me a-thinking he done it all to get back at us sure is white of Cap. Why, it's nearly the same like he had give it to me!"

"He named only one condition," remarked Marie.

Vandervyn started, and looked up at her. She met him with a level glance that told nothing of what she was thinking.

"One condition," she repeated. "It was my promise not to give you any share in the mine."

"Me?" queried Dupont.

"No."

"I see," threatened Vandervyn. "He thinks to force you from having anything to do with me."

"On the contrary, he seemed to think it would—"

Vandervyn stared in bewilderment. Hardy's action seemed incredible. Then he thought he perceived the explanation, and rallied from his perplexity. His frown gave place to a cynical smile.

"O-ho, my lady! I see. You worked him with the soft pedal—the saphead! The easy mark! He's just the kind of fellow to fall for the wail of a pretty girl with a tear in her eye and a quaver in her throat. Good for you, sweet heart! You beat him at his own game. He tried a bluff, thinking you'd be silly enough to throw me over for him. You called him, and he had to make good. The fool—to think you'd be soft enough to turn from me to him, just because he made a play to the galleries with his offer! Oh, what an easymark!"

"Is that exactly the right term?" calmly inquired the girl.

"None better!" exclaimed Vandervyn. "He made you promise not to give me a share in the mine. Mining property is real estate. An agreement in regard to real estate is not binding unless in writing."

Marie's tranquil face took on an expression of artless concern. "Oh, really? Then his promise to give me the mine is not binding?"

"Don't worry," reassured Vandervyn. "He will keep his word. You are sure of the mine."

"But, of course, if I take back my promise, it will be no more than fair to give him the chance to take back his," she innocently remarked.

"Not at all, sweetheart," he replied. "You can do as you please. A woman's promises are not considered binding—in business matters. Legally, in most of the states, she is rated as a minor."

"Wimmen ain't minors no longer in our state," interjected Dupont.

"Thank you for reminding me, Pere," said his daughter. She looked at Vandervyn with naive seriousness. "So you see I must keep my promise."

"Oh, I say now, don't be a—"

He detected something behind her look of childlike artlessness, and hastened to concede the point. "But of course if you feel that way about it! You will not have to break your promise after—"

The law will then make your property mine. So that is settled, sweetheart. Now comes the main question. When shall we be married?"

The girl quivered at the word. He stepped close, and looked into her eyes, his own glowing golden with ardor. She dropped her gaze, and drew back from him as if confused by the suddenness of his proposal.

"I—must think," she murmured. "Would it not be best to—wait until he has given me the mine?"

"Not when you have his word that he will do it. Anyway, there's no harm in naming the day. Come, make it an early one!"

The girl's rich color deepened with a blush.

"Not now!" she replied, struggling to recover her composure. "You must wait. Perhaps tomorrow—but now

I—"

She glanced around as if looking for a way of escape. There was no promise of succor in her father's placid grin. Her gaze darted down into the valley; it rested upon the encamping Indians. "Look," she murmured. "That is Thunderbolt's tepee. I am going down to see him. He should be told that he may be prosecuted if he hunts here now. It is no longer tribal land."

"There's no need, sweetheart," said Vandervyn. "I will see to it that no one interferes with the chief and his band."

"I shall go down and tell him," she insisted. "No, do not come with me."

He frowned at her willfulness, shrugged, and turned to Dupont.

"Come into the cabin, Jake, and give me a drop of something," he urged. "I'm dry as a bone. That ridge wasn't any joke!"

Marie was already hastening down the mountain slope into the valley. When she came to the camp, she was received with pleasant greetings. The keen eyes of the Indians had long ago perceived and recognized the white people on the terrace.

The venerable figure of Ti-wa-konza appeared in the entrance of the biggest tepee. He disappeared. A moment later three women came out of the tepee, and one of them told the girl that the chief wished her to go in. She stooped and passed through the low opening.

The chief was seated at the far side of the tepee near an outstretched blanket form. There was no one else present. He beckoned Marie to come across to him. As she approached, she saw that the hair of the still figure before him was braided after the fashion of the maidens of the tribe. She bent over and looked into a face that was so thin and pale that at first she did not recognize it. The large, sunken eyes opened and looked up at her with a startled gaze.

"Oinnia," she exclaimed, and she knelt down beside the girl. "You are ill."

"No—Go 'way, please," begged the girl. "A slow fever reddened her wan face. She sought to turn from the visitor. 'I want to be alone. I am 'sick. Go 'way, please.'"

Marie looked up at Ti-wa-konza. He saw the pity in her eyes, and spoke softly in Lakotah:

"Rose who art white yet red, in the flower of the golden lily a worm is gnawing. The golden lily withers. Pluck out the worm, else she will fade and go from me."

He stood up and wrapped his blanket about him and went out.

An hour passed. Through the canvas wall of the tent those outside heard a low murmuring and at times the sound of sobbing. At last Marie raised the edge of the tepee and spoke to a group of women. One of them hastened to fetch from the fire a bowl of hot broth. She went into the tepee, and at once came out again without the bowl.

There followed another long wait. But no more crying could be heard, and gradually the sound of the low voices within the tepee died away to silence. Ti-wa-konza came back to the entrance, listened awhile, and noiselessly slipped inside.

Oinnia lay with her head on Marie's breast. Her eyes were closed. She had fallen into the peaceful, healing slumber of childhood. A smile hovered on her half-parted lips. The bowl beside her was empty.

Very gently Marie laid the sleeping girl's head upon a blanket roll, and rose to come across to the silent grandfather. They talked for several minutes in Lakotah. When she stepped past him and left the tepee, his face was still set in the stoical calm of the Indian warrior of his generation, but his proud old eyes were glistening with gratitude and stern joy.

The sun had set, and the twilight was already fading. By the time Marie's slow step brought her up to the terrace, the valley and mountain slope were dusky with the shadow of approaching nightfall. Within the cabin Dupont had lit one of the mine candles. The candlestick was an empty whisky bottle. Another bottle, not yet unpacked, stood on the rough deal table between the two men.

"Hello, girl!" sang out Vandervyn, as Marie paused in the open doorway. He sprang up to come around the table to her. "I've been longing for you all afternoon. Would've chased down the hill, only your dad said you'd get on your ear if I did."

"Yes," quietly replied the girl. She had raised her hand to shield her face from the candle, as if the light dazzled her. As she spoke, she stepped in and along the side of the table opposite him, apparently not seeing him. "Yes, I would not have cared to see you. I was nursing one of the girls down in the camp."

Vandervyn stopped short. "It wasn't anything infectious, I hope."

"No. I shall not suffer from the same trouble. But I am very tired. I see you and Pere have eaten. You might finish the bottle outside."

"How about a kiss to sweeten the toddy?" he suggested.

She burst into a tantalizing little laugh. "I fear you must take your straight for a while, Reggie. You are still engaged to your cousin, I believe—"

"Good night, Pere."

Dupont, heavy with food and liquor, mumbled a response, and stumbled out into the dusk, reluctantly followed by Vandervyn. Marie flung her blankets out after them and barred the door.

In the morning Vandervyn was relieved to find that the night's rest had lightened her mood. She cooked a delicious little breakfast, and was

pleased to be very gracious to him. The anxiety with which he had met her at the cabin door soon vanished. He fell into the gallantry of an accepted suitor who is very much in love and a bit uncertain of his conquest.

He waited until Dupont went to fetch the horses before he ventured to reopen the question of questions: "Sweetheart, you've had time to think it over and decide. Tell me, when is to be the happy day?"

"Yes," she murmured. "I have thought it over."

"You will name an early date?" he exclaimed, assured by the coy sweetness of her look.

Her smile faded, and she dropped forward in an attitude of humility that he had never before seen her pride permit. She replied in a meek voice: "Oh, no, no! I must do what is just by you. Think what it would be like for you to take back with you as your wife a quarterbreed girl straight off an Indian reservation."

Vandervyn winced, rallied, and rejoined with ardor: "Let them think what they please, so long as you are my wife!"

"That is most gallant and—brave of you!" she murmured. "But—there is also Pere."

Vandervyn bit his lip. "Need he come along?"

Marie looked up, her eyes full of tender reproach.

"I did not think that of you, Reggie. How can I leave him here alone? He has never seemed to realize that I came back from Ottawa because I wished to be with him. Even before I went to convert I saw the traits in him that you see, but also I saw something more—the man that he might have been."

"Don't imagine I'm asking you to give him up," Vandervyn hastened to disclaim. "All I suggest is that we take our honeymoon trip alone."

"And leave Pere with no one to cook for him—leave him here! Can't you guess what would happen? Within a week—a fortnight at the utmost—he would marry the youngest and best cook within reach, a breast and a best friend—most likely Charlie's sister."

Vandervyn winced as if cut across the face with a whiplash.

"No—not her!" he stammered. "That—it would be impossible! She would be—"

"I tell you, I will not stand for it—I cannot!"

"Of course that could not be permitted," sweetly agreed Marie. "I would not care to come back and find I had acquired a stepmother as young or younger than myself—no, not even if she were as clean and as good a girl as is Oinnia Redbear."

"Then—you—think—" hesitated Vandervyn.

"Listen, I have thought and thought, and now I have it all planned out. I must do what is just by you; yet, as you see, I cannot leave Pere here. You may remember that I told you a little about the English people I knew in Ottawa. When I saw that you thought I was romancing, I said no more except in hints. I really was more intimate with Lady Verlainne than you will find it easy to believe. Her son and daughters were already married. She took a fancy to me. When I was to come home, she invited me to visit her in England. I had told her all about myself and Pere. We corresponded regularly. She has renewed her invitation more than once. The last time she insisted that I should come without further delay, and bring Pere with me."

"She did?" exclaimed Vandervyn.

"Then why not all three of us go together?"

Marie dropped again in her attitude of meek humility.

"You are so generous, Reggie, to be willing to travel with Pere! But I cannot allow you to make such a sacrifice. No; there is a better way. I shall go alone with Pere to England, and then perhaps for a little visit to Paris with the sister of the mother superior of my convent. Pere has never forgotten his French-Canadian dialect, and I have been tinkering it into fairly good French. A month or two in Paris may correct his accent. It may also smooth down our roughness enough for us to venture over to Washington without putting you too greatly to shame before your friends."

"Two months—all that time?" complained Vandervyn.

"Indeed, no. I will be much longer," answered the girl. "I cannot permit you to marry a mere agency girl. Besides, if Pere does not wish to sell

out his cattle business, I may have to wait for returns from the mine. It takes quantities of money to buy Polish, and lots of time to put it on. We shall not reach Washington before November or December."

"Five or six months?"

"Yes. Aren't you willing to wait for me?" asked the girl, smiling.

The sudden change from meekness won a hasty assurance from Vandervyn: "Of course I am. It will be a fearfully long time to be without you, if you insist upon—"

But I could run over and see you in England or France."

"No," she refused. "I wish you to stay and work for the good of my people. Pere and I still are members of the tribe, you know, and I am deep-

ly interested in the irrigation project laid out by Captain Hardy."

Vandervyn smiled in his most boyish manner.

"I am neither an engineer nor an army officer. Someone else must dig the ditches. I shall at once go on to Washington and prepare for the passage of the appropriation. It's going to slide through as soon as congress meets."

"And then I shall come over from Paris. You will break off your engagement with your cousin and we—"

No, no, sir! not a single kiss—not one until you are free, and I set the day. I am an heiress now, and must act accordingly. Besides, here is Pere with the horses. We must be starting."

CHAPTER XXIV.

Tilting at Windmills.

The early winter rains that followed an ideal Indian summer at the national capital were chill and sleety. But congress was now in session, and Washington was bright and gay with the activities of officialdom and official society.

One of the first events of the season had been a ball in honor of the superb French beauty and heiress, Miss Dupont. She had arrived with a matronly French lady well known in Parisian society; a tall, olive-tinted maid, who was said to be of Spanish or Hindu origin; and a male relative, Monsieur Jacques Dupont, who spoke French with French-Canadian idioms and English with a quaint sprinkling of western Americanisms. By those who saw him before they had the pleasure and privilege of meeting Miss Dupont, he was said to be quite "impossible." But after meeting her, they usually agreed with the general verdict that he was decidedly amusing and "picturesque."

Letters to the wives of three or four ambassadors opened to the heiress the doors of the most exclusive official society, and her wonderful beauty and charm carried all before her by storm.

Her French gown, she soon had a suite of devoted admirers and suitors, among whom, despite her engagement to the daughter of his eminent uncle, Mr. Reginald Vandervyn was one of the most ardent.

All this had come to Hardy through society reports in the newspapers and from the chance remarks of acquaintances. The remarks very seldom were made by persons fortunate enough to have attended functions graced by the presence of Miss Dupont. Hardy's neatly kept clothes were somewhat out of style, and his lodgings, in an old warren down on M street, were cheap and shabby.

There were still better reasons for the worldly wise to shun the company of the officer so lately distinguished for his services in the Philippines. It was whispered that the interests for which he had been diligently lobbying since midsummer were opposed to the interests of the pro-administration group of which the eminent Senator Clemmer was the leader. More openly the fact was bruited about that he was to be subjected to trial by court-martial on grave charges.

For he was still in the service. Upon his return from the hard-won race for the mine, he had fled his claim, was of the commissioners, and journeyed on as soon as possible to the railroad. There he had sold his mare at a low price, but with the option of buying her back within a year. He had then started east, too intent upon his purpose to delay even for a telegram from Vancouver barracks, and never doubting that his commanding officer had granted him the customary leave of absence pending the acceptance of his unconditional and immediate resignation.

Great had been his consternation when, the day of his arrival in Washington, he had reported himself at the war department. Not only had leave of absence been denied him and all action on his resignation been suspended; he had been posted for desertion. However, his record on the one hand, and the indecent haste of the attack on the other, had brought about sufficient intervention by members of the general staff to cause several months' delay in the plan of his enemies to crush him. Action on the charges filed against him by the Indian commissioners and by his commanding officer had been postponed from month to month.

Meantime he had been placed under the nominal arrest of confinement to the limits of the District of Columbia, which left him free to pursue the ends for which he had come east. To his surprise, no contest had been filed against his mineral claim. On the contrary, he had soon found himself legally entitled to assign the mine to Marie. He carefully drawn and duly witnessed conveyance had started west in the next mail. Marie's note of acknowledgment stated the esteem and gratitude of the writer in the most correct and conventional of terms.

His progress toward the accomplishment of his second purpose had been far less smooth. In fact, after months of persistent endeavor, he could not be sure that he had made any progress whatever. He had not been barred from an inspection of the documents relating to the new treaty with the tribe, and among them he had found Vandervyn's alleged contract. It purported to appoint the young man attorney and tribal representative and to fix his compensation at twenty per cent of any moneys appropriated to the tribe in payment for the ceded mineral lands.

Hardy had at first considered the signatures forged. But examination with a microscope had shown him that the thumb prints were identical with those on the memorandum of the proceedings of the tribal council. He had been quick to perceive that his only chance of defeating the outrageous contract was to bring about either an executive or a congressional investigation. There had been no difficulty in divining the manner in which Vandervyn had obtained the signatures at the tribal council.

Yet so far his every move had been blocked. He had interested one man of official position or influence after another, only to be met later with evasion or procrastination or even outright rebuffs. One door after another had been shut in his face. At last he had found himself regarded as a

crank, than which, in Washington, no more opprobrious term can be applied to a man.

With the opening of congress the influences opposed to him had at last been able to overcome the opposition that had delayed a trial of the charges against him. The afternoon that he came back to his shabby lodgings after a final attempt to obtain an interview with the chief of the Indian bureau, he was officially notified to appear the following morning for trial by court-martial.

He already knew the charges against him. They included desertion, failure to report at Vancouver barracks and,

under the head of conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman, his concealment of the developed mine.

The nearness of the trial brought matters to a desperate pass with him. He must act quickly.

It was the night of the first ball at the White House. As usual, there was a great crush. Hardy, in conventional evening dress—not in official costume, as the regulations required—managed in some mysterious manner to obtain entrance. The secret-service men had no instructions with regard to him, and considerable time passed before anyone intimate to him heeded his unobtrusive presence.

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One morning, shortly after leaving home, he saw a large Irishwoman struggling along with a huge bundle. He stopped his car and said politely: "Mayn't I give you a lift, madam?"

"In that thing?" she said. "I never rode in one in all my life."

"Well, jump in," he said; and when she had climbed in and deposited the bundle on the seat beside her, they started on.

After he had covered a mile, Mr. Jones became a little uneasy; but he kept on for nearly another mile, and then turned and said: "Where do you want to go, madam?"

She gave him a broad smile and a gracious nod of the head, and replied: "Anywhere you wish; it makes no difference to me."

"But where were you going when I took you in?" asked Mr. Jones.

"Oh," she said, "only to the next house."

And kind Mr. Jones had to turn back and take her two miles to the "next house."—Youth's Companion.

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The problem of interior and exterior transportation in one of the largest and busiest ammunition plants in this country—a plant, by the way, which was constructed in 11 months—has been solved by the adoption of automobiles, motorcycles, motor trucks, hand trucks, roller skates and bicycles. The plant is worked at high pressure for 24 hours a day, and consists of 13 main units

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Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, FEB. 8

Hyman Joseph is on the sick list.

Miss Margrethe Bauman has returned home from Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Johnson returned last Friday from their honeymoon trip.

Mrs. Elf Rasmussen returned last week to her home in Detroit after a three weeks' visit here.

Hathaway just received another big line of watches that he will sell on the dollar a week plan. See him.

Miss Maude Tetu left Tuesday afternoon for Bay City, where she will remain for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger C. Schmidt spent several days in Detroit visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Phelps, Jr.

Miss Battenfields and Miss Clara Weiss of Riverview visited Miss Margaret Nelson a part of last week.

The Salling, Hanson Co., planing mill shut down last week for a month in order to have some necessary repairs made.

Miss Flora Borchers was absent from Petersen's grocery the fore part of the week on account of an attack of la grippe.

The fire eater who habitually carries a chip on his shoulder often finds that he is too insignificant for a real man to even notice.

James Ford, being laid up with a sore foot, arrived Monday from Detroit for a short visit with his grandmother, and also friends.

Cameron Game of Game & Burrows meat market spent several days in Chicago, last and this week on business. He returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Herluf Sorenson and little daughter are visiting her parents at Hobart, Mich. Mrs. Sorenson was called there by the illness of her father.

Pastor Aaberg of Dwight, Illinois will lecture at Danebod hall Wednesday evening, February 14th at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Mollie Johnson of Saginaw has been spending the past several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, and attended the K. of P. ball last evening.

Mrs. T. Boeson left the fore part of last week for Detroit, to enter Harper hospital to undergo a serious operation. Her many friends will be glad to know that the operation was successful and she is getting along nicely at present.

Tuesday, February 20th, is the last day on which caucuses can be held for the purpose of selecting candidates for various village offices to be voted for on March 12th. This is in compliance with the absent voters' law which requires caucuses to be held 20 days before election. Township caucuses must be held not later than March 13th.

Mrs. Carl Mork is on the sick list.

You are making a big mistake when you neglect your eyes. See Hathaway about it today.

T. Boeson left Sunday night for Detroit to visit his wife, who is a patient at Harper hospital.

You may be next! Why don't you buy some Fire Insurance?

Geo. L. ALEXANDER & SON.

Supervisor Frank Love of Beaver Creek, returned home last week from a several days' visit at Owosso.

Ex-trainmaster Lankey of the Mackinaw division, now of Bay City was in the city on business the fore part of the week.

Frank is about to remodel and paper the interior of his store. Watch for the beautiful up to the minute line for early spring.

Melvin A. Bates has been detained at home for about two weeks by illness. He is able to be out again and is improving nicely.

Peter Rasmussen, foreman in the Salling, Hanson Co. lumber sheds at the planing mill yard, is slowly recovering from an illness of several weeks.

Special ten-day anniversary sale at the Grayling Mercantile Co's, beginning Saturday February 10. See their full page ad elsewhere in this issue of the Avalanche.

Oh Ladies, watch for the announcement of the full complete line of ladies' high grade 2 line shoes. No finer line ever shown in Grayling. They will be on display. Frank Dreese.

On January 29th the average depth of snow in the State was 7.49, in the southern counties 4.68, in the central counties 6.98, in the northern counties 12.13 and in the Upper Peninsula 15.79 inches.

Any person having old papers, magazines or paste board to donate to the M. E. Ladies Aid society will please notify Mrs. T. W. Hanson this week. Boy scouts will gather papers up next Saturday.

Mrs. Leo White, who was formerly Miss Lillie McLeod, and who has been visiting her mother here, left last week for Detroit to meet her husband, who was with the 32nd Infantry at El Paso, and during last week were mustered out of service at Ft. Wayne. Their home is in Adrian, Michigan.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Parents and Teachers' association will be held at the school building Thursday evening, February 15, at 7:15 o'clock. All ladies are requested to be present. A donation of ten cents or more of each member is asked, to purchase linen for the use of the school.

Doris Wilson celebrated her birthday by inviting a large number of girls and boys to the W. R. C. hall on Thursday evening. The young people had a fine time playing games, visiting, etc. A fine supper was served which they all enjoyed. Miss Doris was presented with a Kodak from her friends as a token of appreciation for the splendid time she had shown them.

Edward Mason invited a number of his small friends to his home Thursday afternoon to help celebrate his birthday. In the center of the table was a fine cake which shone with six candles, which showed that Edward was reaching the age when he must begin to solve mathematical problems. The little folks had a jolly time and wished their host many happy returns of the day.

Floyd Jones of Sigma was brot to Mercy hospital last Friday suffering with a compound fracture of his right leg. The accident happened while he was at work at Schreurs' camp near Sigma, Thursday Jan. 25. He is in quite a serious condition. The family formerly resided in Grayling for a few years before moving to Sigma, and are quite well known. Mrs. Jones is here at the bedside of her husband.

At a postponed meeting of the stockholders of the Grayling Social club last Saturday evening election of officers and directors was held. A. E. Michelson, who now resides in Detroit, retired as president. The new officers are Esbern Hanson, president; Holger Hanson, vice president; J. Fred Alexander, secretary and treasurer. The remaining members of the board of directors are Dr. Stanley N. Insley, T. W. Hanson, Marius Hanson, Charles Tromble and Henry A. Bauman.

What promises to be one of the most interesting and pleasant features to be presented in the school auditorium this season is the Patriotic program that will be offered under auspices of the Woman's Literary and the Good-fellowship clubs next Monday night. The program will largely consist of songs, drills and speaking by the children of the school and others. This is going to be a real patriotic evening and an appropriate manner in which to observe Lincoln's birthday. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend. The program will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock. There will be no charge for admission.

C. J. Hathaway, optometrist, went to Traverse City Wednesday for the purpose of making a study of the eye conditions among the insane members of the Michigan State hospital, which is located in that city. In his examinations he found that 75% of the inmates were suffering from eye-strain in one form or another. Mr. Hathaway is of the opinion that defective vision and eye-strain are in a large measure responsible for mental breakdowns and feels more firmly convinced than ever before, since his visit to Traverse City, that his theory is correct. He says that he is highly gratified over his trip and that the authorities of the asylum extended to him every courtesy.

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The woman's club had a social meeting at the home of Mrs. Wilhelm Raab Monday Jan. 29. Election of officers was held and the following elected; Pres.—Mrs. J. Atwood Whitaker; Vice Pres.—Mrs. Thorwald Peterson; Sec.—Mrs. A. M. Lewis and Treas.—Mrs. A. J. Joseph. A fine lunch was served.

The Goodfellowship club had election of officers on Monday evening and the following officers were elected; Pres.—Mrs. S. N. Insley; Vice Pres.—Mrs. O. P. Schumann; Sec. and Treas.—Mrs. Chas. Canfield. After the election the hostess, Mrs. Charles Jerome, served lunch which was greatly enjoyed.

At a meeting of the Grayling Opera House company Tuesday evening, at the Masonic Lodge rooms the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Luther Herrick, Efner Matson, Mrs. J. C. Burton, J. C. Burton, Mrs. Bert Aschenfelder, Charles Abbott, Chris Olson, Wilhelm Raab and Frank Freeland.

Mrs. Sarah Maxwell, age 80 years, 3 months and 26 days passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. C. Bennett last Wednesday night, after a severe attack of apoplexy. The Bennett family recently moved here from Lewistown and are occupying the residence formerly occupied by Jeffrey McMahon and family. The remains were taken to Standish Friday for burial the next day.

The members of the Social club enjoyed a dinner dance at their club room last Thursday Jan. 25. The committee had made the dining room look most attractive with Japanese lanterns, parasols and wicker furniture. The waitresses were in Japanese costume which added to the pleasantness of the affair. The club is enjoying these dinners every two weeks and they have been very popular.

The open-winter predictors will have a hard time to make good. From one to fifteen below zero every night and some times the mercury crowded around zero all day. There has been but one thaw since winter set in and that was January 29 and that only settled the snow for better sleighing. Much snow has fallen since that time and are experiencing a period of heavy drifts. Indications point to more moderate temperature.

VILLAGE CAUCUS

The qualified voters of the Village of Grayling will meet in caucus at the Town hall, Monday night, February 19th at 8:00 o'clock, standard time, for the purpose of nominating village officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting. Following is the list of officers to be nominated: one president, one clerk, one treasurer, one assessor, and three trustees for full term.

Village election Monday, March 12. By Order of Village Committee. Dated February 7, 1917. 8-2

Don't Neglect The Kidneys.

Do you take a kidney tablet once in a while, the same as you do a cathartic? If you don't, you should, because the kidneys are blood filters and need cleaning themselves the same as your bowels. Dr. Navaun's Kidney Tablets are for this purpose and are for sale at Mr. Lewis' store. Samples will be sent on request by the Botanic Drug Co., Detroit, Mich.

Automobile Owners

Take Notice

Now is the time to get your automobiles painted if they need painting or cleaned and polished to make them look neat and like new.

Prices on painting cars of all makes cheerfully given, according to what you want done in the way of painting, etc. Don't wait until too late in the spring.

Conrad Sorenson

Painter and Decorator

FIND HEART ON RIGHT SIDE, LIVER ON LEFT

Body of William King Described as
Left Handed Both Inside and Out.

St. Louis.—The body of William King, which has been preserved for twenty months, is described by an anatomist as "left handed, both inside and out" according to a statement made public at the City hospital.

In May, 1915, King, who was thirty-five years old, applied at the hospital for treatment. He said he was a laborer and had lived most of his life in Wisconsin. He was suffering from typhoid fever.

When asked who should be notified in case of his death King said: "Don't worry about that. Just cut me up and examine my body. There's something wrong with me besides the fever."

He died a few days later. When surgeons made an examination of the body they found one of the most abnormal cases in the history of surgery. The heart was on the right side, the liver on the left; the appendix was on the left side and the spleen on the right. The stomach was turned around completely. On the left lung were three lobes; the right lung had but two. The left kidney was larger and lower than the right one.

DANCE TO WIRELESS MUSIC MILES AWAY

Phonograph at High Bridge, N. Y.,
Heard All Over House at
Morristown, N. J.

New York.—What was declared to be the world's first wireless dance was held at 29 Morris avenue, Morristown, N. J., the home of Theodore E. Gaty, vice president of the Fidelity and Casualty Insurance company of this city. His two sons—John P. and Theodore E. Gaty, Jr., the latter home from Cornell for the Christmas holidays—got up a dance and throughout the evening the seven or eight couples who had been invited danced to music that was played on a phonograph in High Bridge, at the northern end of Manhattan, about forty miles away from Morristown by air line.

Mr. Gaty and his sons are enthusiastic amateurs in the science of radio telephony and telegraphy. A friend, P. F. Godley of Montclair, who is a radio engineer, made use of the Lee de Forest audion detector and the sound amplifier invented by Dr. Edwin H. Armstrong of Columbia, the inventions which made transcontinental telephony possible, as well as a wireless telephone message to Honolulu. Mr. Godley, who is only twenty-seven years old, adapted the two devices to amateur use and attached them to a phonograph horn in the Gaty home.

The phonograph that furnished the dance music was played in the High Bridge plant of the De Forest Radio Telephone and Telegraph company, and the musical sound waves were received by the amateur receiver over Mr. Gaty's house.

When the faint sounds, which, coming from the receiver, could scarcely be detected by the ear, passed through the combined sound amplifiers and then through the megaphone they could be heard all over the house.

FROM MISSOURI TO PANAMA.

Bottle Found After Being Six Months Afloat.

Hartville, Mo.—A list of names which a party of Springfield normal school students sealed in a soda pop bottle which was thrown into the James river at Turner, Mo., last June has been returned in a letter received by Miss Opal Pope of this place, one of the young women whose names were on the list.

The letter was written by a member of the crew of the United States ship Raleigh, which reached San Francisco recently after being stationed off the coast of Panama. The writer said he found the bottle on the beach while in Panama.

WILL AID WEARY HORSES.

School Children Plan Farm For Worn-out Hobbies.

Youngstown, O.—Members of the Junior Humane society here have contributed the nucleus of a fund which they will raise to rent or buy a rest farm for worn-out horses.

It is planned to have the farm for use next summer. Many school children have pledged support to the fund getting project, and senior humane workers expect their little associates will succeed in their plans.

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* BANK INSURES ASSETS
* FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS *

* New York.—A \$90,000,000 protective insurance policy for twenty-four hours was purchased by the Chatham and Phoenix National bank to cover the transfer of its assets from 192 Broadway to the new offices of the bank in the Singer building, a distance of about a block and a half. About \$16,000,000 in cash was carried to the new quarters in an armored car, with armed guards at the front and rear, and there were guards stationed every fifty feet between the two buildings.

Free Government Seeds.

If you desire the usual Government package of vegetable or flower seeds, all that you have to do is to send a postal to your Congressman, Hon. George A. Loud, Washington, D. C., advising him which kind you desire, and with your address very plainly written.

Try a package of Dr. Navaun's Kidney tablets. For sale at the A. M. Lewis drug store.

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" Egg Plums	" Rice
" Bartlett Pears	" Washed Figs
" Pine Apple	" Powdered Sugar
" Pumpkin	" Cranberry Sauce
" Spinach	" Jelly
" Tomatoes	" Preserves
" Puree of Tomatoes	" Marmalade
" Lima Beans	" Pearl Onions
" Early June Peas	" Salad Dressing
" Corn	" Maple Syrup
" Red Salmon	" Catsup
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5 Boys' Overcoats, 3.50 to 4.50, for 1.98—whew
4 Men's " 15.00 for 12.45; 12.50 for 9.48
2 " 6.00, military collar, 3.98

I Must Have the Room, Seel--Get Me?

45 Ladies' Cloaks, consisting of plush, baby lamb, caracul, corduroy, must release these cloaks, I am putting it mildly, I want the space—must have it at once. Nearly one-half off on most of this line, and good sizes and all late styles, mind you, will make the road easy and a stamper is expected. First come, first served.

Fine Children's Coats, \$2.45—\$3.45.

Mothers' Fine White Corduroy and Cashmere Coats.

Robbers, well just step in; I am after the "Mon," and you will readily see my object. Sox at old prices from this out. It beats all how I get around this high-price business, don't it? Well a little fore thought is a great thing if you will only use it.

Frank Dreese

The Lemon Colored Store opp. the Jail

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When You Have a Cold.

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker, Pana, Ill., writes: "Our five-year old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."



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For the Public Service

Correspondence.

Frederic School Notes.

Clyde McDermid had almost a perfect paper in chemistry test.

If parents and pupils realized that missing even one day will put the pupils back, they would think twice before allowing them to be absent. After staying out a week it is almost impossible for the average pupil to get caught up again. There are a few who can do it but they are far apart.

Bay City has offered to play our boys' team at basketball but the game has not been scheduled yet.

Nellie Courtney was absent last week.

The public library has been moved into the high school building. It will be open every Monday night. Many new books have been sent for, new magazines have been ordered, and a good crowd should turn out to enjoy them. The library will also be open from four to five every day for exchange of books.

Many pupils are absent in the lower grades but the attendance of the high school remains remarkably fine.

Mae McDermid and Lottie Forbes have entered the United States history class.

Under Mae McDermid's leadership the school has learned many new songs.

Herman Wilcox of the high school goes to Cheboygan this week to take the civil service examination.

The largest crowd we have ever had turned out to see the Gaylord game. We won by a safe majority in both games and our girls certainly outplayed the Gaylord girls all thru the game.

With the boys it was more of an even fight and was certainly exciting. Gaylord played so fair and well that they received many cheers from Frederic. This was right and shows Frederic is made up of the right stuff.

Emanuel Abrahams has the whooping cough.

Agriculture is a subject that should be pushed more. We have a large class and Miss Cornish is a good agricultural teacher.

Indian River basketball boys and girls play here this week. There is only one more game scheduled here this year so everyone should turn out to see this game.

Lola Craven started to school again Monday after two weeks absence. Constance Gardner and Carlyle Brown of the third grade have an average of E on their report card for the month of January.

The second grade are interested in learning poems for Washington's birthday.

The sixth grade is progressing very rapidly in practical measurements.

Teddy Callahan and Donald Reynolds holds the highest average for the month in the Intermediate room.

The fifth and sixth grades are making a detailed study of George Washington.

The Primary and Intermediate rooms had a Victrola program Monday.

Leota Welch is absent on account of illness.

Lovells.

Mr. Gale and daughter Laura left Saturday for their home in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeamar and two small children of Gladwin arrived here last Tuesday. Mr. Zeamar will be the new foreman for C. W. Keuhl on the ranch.

Our school attendance has been very small the past week as most of the children are compelled to remain at home sick with bad colds.

Judson McCormick returned home Wednesday morning.

The Gleaners held their regular meeting with Companion Douglas last Saturday night. Lunch was served by Mrs. Douglas and the evening well spent by all.

C. F. Underhill left Monday for New York and other places on business.

Newell Underhill is much better and now able to be out and around again.

E. Pierce made a business trip to Grayling last Thursday.

Ralph Clarkson of Grayling visited with old friends in Lovells Tuesday forenoon, returning home on the noon train.

T. E. Douglas returned Saturday from Lansing and Saginaw, where he had spent a few days at the former city attending the Wild Life show.

The little eleven month old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Zeamar was found dead in its bed Friday morning. At about 4:00 o'clock in the morning the little one was cared for by its mother and snugly tucked in its little bed and when they looked to it, on arising in the morning found it was dead. It is thought it must of suffocated as the night was very cold and perhaps had been wrapped to close under the bedding. The remains were brot to Lovells cemetery Sunday for burial. This is a discouraging start for these new people and we all trust their bad luck will cease at this. They have the sympathy of the entire community.

Some of our towns people took a sleigh ride Saturday evening out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Daby. The evening was spent in playing progressive pedro.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good.

Frederic News.

(To late for last week.)

Charles Craven went to Bay City with the rest of the supervisors, representing the different townships, as a booster for the Northeastern Development association. Let's all boost and make N. E. equal to any other part of the state.

Wm. Lang is visiting his father, Robert Lang and sister, Mrs. Albert Lewis and shaking hands with his old friends here.

C. A. Boyd was in town Monday. There must be some attraction. How about it Charles?

Joseph Charron of Maple Forest returned home from Southern and Western states last week. Joe is considered a traveler now a days. He looks good and says he feels good.

J. S. Kelley, of Walsh Mfg. Co., and wife returned from Detroit and Toledo, where they have been visiting the past two weeks.

Glad to see our January thaw. Came on the 29th; late, but welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Young, pioneer residents, are visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pratt and shaking hands with old friends. They expect to move back on their farm in the spring. They say Midland is a busy little city.

G. A. Wilbur, wife and children of Grayling are visiting their many friends and relatives here. He takes up his duties for R. H. H. & Sons Co. at Lansing in retail lumber business. Success to you Art.

Geo. Hunter is able to be out again after an illness of three days last week.

Highway Commissioner Fischer is trying to keep on top of the last snow storm by rolling same. He started toward Grayling Tuesday morning.

J. Smith has about 100,000 feet of logs on the bank near the mill. It looks good and helps to make labor.

The Walsh Mfg. Co., sold their team to a party in Cheboygan last week.

Thursday morning the thermometer registered 25 below zero. Reminds us of 1881 weather. 25 to 40 was considered good working weather, but 42 to 50, stay around camp fire.

Geo. Burke went to Roscommon Friday morning to unload a car load of Ford's. Look out the gas don't freeze George.

J. C. Karnes is at a hospital at Detroit. We hope for a quick recovery.

Ernest Barber Sundayed in Grayling.

Miss Salome Furbush visited her sister, Mrs. G. A. Wilbur at Grayling over Sunday.

While we want to all be peace makers. Hurrah for old "Glory." Lets all be Henry Ford's to our limit if it comes to war.

Coy News.

Howard Hollowell and his friend, Alfred Higgins returned to Detroit Thursday.

Miss Lena Asum of Roscommon was called to her sister's home, Mrs. Sophia McGillis, to be at the bedside of their father, who is seriously ill.

O. B. Scott and family spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Scott.

Miss Dora Nolan spent a few days with Miss Gladys Newton of Roscommon.

The wood-chuck came out and saw his shadow here at Coy and the way it looked it would take him six months to thaw out.

The Mothers' club met at Mrs. Geo. Pearsall's and all reported a good time.

Mrs. E. Hollowell spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. McGillis.

Mrs. Alvin Scott is on the sick list.

WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line, No adv. taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

GUINEA PIGS or Cavies for sale in pairs, or in dozen lots. Apply for particulars and prices. Enclose stamp. F. J. Spencer, Lovells Mich. 284

WANTED—Milk customers. Leave orders at Trudeau's grocery store or phone No. 2 long. John Ronspies, 2-12

LOST—A locket with initials A. L. engraved on same, about two weeks ago. Finder please notify Andrew Larsen.

FOR RENT—Six room house with full basement. Nearly modern equipment. O. Palmer, Phone 55.

FOUND—Pocketbook containing money. May be had on proof of ownership. Avalanche office. 1-25 3

WANTED—Tag Alder, will pay highest prices. DuPont Co., Grayling.

WANTED—25 cords of maple black wood, green. Will pay highest market price. Inquire at Avalanche office.

FOR SALE—Baby sleigh, in good condition. Cheap if taken soon. Inquire at Avalanche office.

FOR SALE—A cheap and quick sale for house and lot. Inquire of Geo. H. Belanger. 1-18-17.

FOR SALE—Six room house, McClellan St., fourth house south of hospital. Easy terms. J. M. Bunting, Phone 713.

How Old Will You Be At Fifty.

Will you be 50 years old or 50 years young? Kidney troubles make many a person old, when really they should be young. Don't be one of the old. Take a kidney tablet as you would a cathartic. Dr. Navaun's kidney tablets are best, 50c at your druggist, A. M. Lewis.

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Monthly Rates Per \$1,000

18 to 24	\$.75	44	\$1.25
25 to 29	.80	45	1.30
30 to 34	.90	46	1.35
35 to 39	1.00	47	1.40
38 to 40	1.10	48	1.45
41 to 43	1.20	49	1.50

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In effect Sept. 24, 1916.

Read Down.

A. M. P. M.	Read Up.	P. M. P. M.
8.00	12.25	1.50
8.10	12.35	1.50
8.20	12.45	1.50
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8.40	1.05	1.50
8.50	1.15	1.50
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10.40	3.05	1.50
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